

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:28
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2001
PURCHASE OF SAPLINGS
ARUN KUMAR

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Delhi High Court has sought reports from the Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) and Director of Horticulture about the prices of saplings to compare the same with those purchased for the centre's green belt projects in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, whether the IARI and Director of Horticulture has submitted the reports to the Court; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) (b) & (c) : From the judgment Dated 01-08-2001 of the Hon`ble High Court of Delhi in Writ Petition No.574/2000 filed by Rashtriya Mukti Morcha Vs CBI and others, it has been observed that the Hon`ble Court considered the expert report from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, (IARI) Delhi regarding the reasonableness of the cost of raising of saplings and planting in the Tamil Nadu Green Belt Project. After considering the Report and after hearing the Counsels for the Petitioner and respondents, the Hon`ble court came to the conclusion that there was no merit in the case and hence it was dismissed.